

CW/VFM-89: *Jonas Sponseller 17th Pennsylvania Cavalry (162nd Volunteers)*

Jonas Sponseller enlisted on September 26th, 1862 but died on November 21, 1862. The letter was written shortly after he joined the 17th PA Cavalry.

This regiment was organized in Harrisburg somewhere between the months of September and November of 1862. This unit was present at such major engagements as Chancellorsville (5/1-5/1863) and Gettysburg (7/1-3/1863). They were also present for Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court House (4/9/1865).

Letter from Jonas Sponseller, 17th Pennsylvania Cavalry, Co. G to his family

9/25/1862: He writes to his family to tell them that he is well, and that he is enjoying being a soldier. He tells them about life at Camp Simmons. He hopes that the army will journey to Carlisle, and then he can see them again.

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